

EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

LWV CALIFORNIA NEWS

Congratulations! Thanks to you and your thousands of emails, calls, and meetings with legislators, the League of Women Voters of California achieved some serious victories! Beginning in 2020:

- Every polling place in the state will have *Election Day Registration*,
- Cities and counties will have fair redistricting criteria that will prohibit partisan gerrymandering and keep neighborhoods intact,
- Police officers will be held to a higher standard of safety,
- Californians will have more access to affordable housing.

To learn more about the impact you had, <u>check out highlights of the legislative year</u>.



NEW INTERACTIVE LWVVC CALENDAR

To see coming activities, please visit our new interactive google calendar: <u>http://bit.ly/2Wo14AB</u>. View the format you prefer. To change views, visit the tabs in the upper right corner, select "week", "month", or "agenda". "Agenda" will give you a list format.

Here are some highlights:

LWVVC BOARD MEETING

Board Meetings are open to all members. They take place the second Thursday of the month. **Thursday, November 14, 2019, 11am – 1pm** Ventura College of Law, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear), Classroom #1 located off the courtyard. Please note: **We will be dark December 12**th.

MODERATOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Are you interested in learning to be a forum moderator? The LWVSB is hosting a workshop. **Saturday, November 16, 2019 10am – Noon** Contact: Vijaya Jammalamadaka, president@lwvsantabarbara.org

Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee

This is a committee IN ACTION, getting events on the calendar, making plans to reach our Spanish-speaking communities. **Sat Nov 30, 2019 10:30am – 11:30am** The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 4360 E Main St Suite E, Ventura, CA 93003. Join us! Contact Laura Hernandez at info@lwvventuracounty.org

VOTER REGISTRATION TEAM

UPCOMING VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNUTES:

- November 5 all day, Rancho Campana High School, 4235 Mar Vista Dr., Camarillo, CA, in classrooms.
- November 15 all day, Channel Islands High School, 1400 Raiders Way, Oxnard, CA, in classrooms.



 November 20 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Ventura College outside Guthrie Hall (Women in Politics panel at 2:30 pm)

and more coming....

Sign up on Sign Up Genius: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup</u> Search by email: <u>bpatter123@gmail.com</u>

CIVIL DISCOURSE TEAM



November 19 from, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Grand Salon, Cal State University, Channel Islands, 1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA. Topic for discussions "Undocumented Students". If interested in participating in small-table discussions, contact Betsy at info@lwvventuracounty.org

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL LWVVC HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 7, 2019, 12:00 noon - 2:00pm at Aloha Steakhouse, 364 S. California Street, Ventura 93001. More to follow.



St., Ventura CA.WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!



Are you interested in getting involved in the League? The Nominating Committee is looking for people who might want to bring their talents and experiences to LWVVC. We have openings for the Vice President, a Communications Director, a Program Director, an Advocacy Chair, an Observer Corps Chair, a State and National Action Chair, plus other opportunities too. If you or

someone you know would enjoy being part of our team, please contact me.

Cheryl Collart, Nominating Committee Chair cheryl.collart@gmail.com 805-746-0931

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST CAMPAIGN

- RECLAIMS over \$12 billion per year for K-12schools, community colleges and local communities
- CLOSES commercial property tax loopholes that allow big corporations to void paying their fair share
- INVESTS in truly educating our kids & in vital services to support our families
- ENSURES full transparency & accountability for all reclaimed revenue
- PROTECTS all homeowners & renters
- PROVIDES the largest tax incentive in a generation for small businesses
- LEVELS the playing field for businesses that already pay their fair share
- EXEMPTS smaller businesses valued at under \$3 million

Help spread the word. The opposition is using scare tactics by saying residential property taxes will be raised if the amendment to Prop 13 passes. This is NOT true! All residential properties are exempt from property tax increases under this change to Prop 13. For more information, please see <u>https://lwvc.org/our-work/issues/government/schools-and-communities-first</u>

WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

NEW MEMBERS: We warmly welcome our newest members: Trudy Wolfe – Thousand Oaks, Cathy Murillo – Santa Barbara, Nancy Cole – Ventura.

RENEWING MEMBERS: Many thanks and gratitude to our members who have renewed their membership and also to those who have made an additional contribution toward the expenses of operating the LWVVC.



VOLUNTEERS: To all those who have noted your areas of interest on your Volunteer Surveys, thank you for volunteering to help fulfill our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. Our leaders will contact you in the coming months as various League activities get underway.

To join or renew your support/membership, please send a check to P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006. Your support is critical! For questions or information, contact us using the below information.

Pat Butler, Membership Director Pbutler10@msn.com 714-318-0111

MEET THE MEMBERS

* * * All Meet-the-Members will be dark in December – no meetings * * *

Get to know the League of Women Voters members in your area. Join us for a casual get-together. Learn about the League. Talk over League activities. Catch up with friends. Make new friends.

- Ventura 1st Tuesday @ 6:30; Aloha Steakhouse, 364 S. California Street, Ventura - Pat Butler, <u>pbutler10@msn.com</u>
- Oxnard/Pt Hueneme (New Place!) 2nd Wednesday @ 5:30 pm; Salt Waterside Bistro, 4308 Tradewinds Drive, Oxnard – Kay Armstrong, <u>kayaarmstrong@gmail.com</u>



 Ojai (New Place!) - 3rd Monday @ 5:00 pm; Agave Maria's, 106 S. Montgomery Street – Jane Spiller, janemspiller@gmail.com



 Thousand Oaks (New!) – 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Cisco's, 1712 Avenida De Los Arboles, Thousand Oaks - Pat Butler, <u>pbutler10@msn.com</u>

 Camarillo (<u>No meeting in November – Happy</u> <u>Thanksgiving!</u>) – 4th Thursday @ 6:00 pm; Yolanda's, 86 E. Daily Drive - info@lwvventuracounty.org

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RAISE AWARNESS OF THE LEAGUE:

Wear a LWV VC shirt to all our public functions. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL. Donation of \$20.00 or more requested.

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